(e) and (f) the disinvestment plan for both Air India and Indian Airlines is in recognition of the need for operating the two airlines on commercial principles wth competitive spirit so that they can thrive in an intensely competitive environment.

**Conditions of Bidders of SCI Ltd.**

1195. MISS MABEL REBELLO: Will the Minister of DISINVESTMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Shipping Corporation of India Ltd. will be handed over to private managment by this September;

(b) if so, the conditions set by his Ministry for both domestic and foreign bidders; and

(c) the details of the annual tornover, profit/loss of the company for the last three years?

THE MINISTER OF DISINVESTMENT (SHRI ARUN SHOURIE): (a) The Government had decided for sale of 51% shareholding of Shipping Corporation of India Ltd. (SCI) through strategic sale. The process of disinvestment is likely to be completed by September-October, 2002.

(b) The Government has prescribed the following conditions for the disinvestment of 51% equity in SCI:—

(1) the interested party (ies)/consortium should have a combined net worth in excess of Rs. 800 crore as per the latest annual accounts and a satisfactory business and management track record.

(2) In case of the consortium bid, the lead bidder must have at least a net worth in excess of Rs. 408 crore.

(3) In the event of the strategic Partner being a joint venture/ consrtium, the foreign holding, if any, shall not exceed 25%.

(4) In choosing between prospective Strategic Partner(s), government will pay due attention, *inter alia*, to the security requirement of the country.

(c) the turnover and profit of the company during the last 3 years is as under:

(Rs. in Crore)

| Year | 1999-2000 | 2000-2001 | 2001-2002 |
|---|---|---|---|
| Turnover | 2608.00 | 3132.20 | 2905.30 |
| Profit after Tax | 161.60 | 382.56 | 241.56 |

**Vacancies of Doctors and Nurses in States**

1196. MISS MABEL REBELLO: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that most of the posts of health professionals including doctors and nurses are lying vacant in many States;

(b) if so, whether Government have sought any explanation from the State Governments on this issue; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI A. RAJA): (a) to (c) Health being a state subject under the constitution of India, such information is not maintained by the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare.

**Financial assistance to hospitals**

1197. SHRI DWIJENDRA NATH SHARMAH: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the financial assistance granted by Government for hospitals in the country during the last three years;

(b) whether Government have issued necessary instructions to private hospitals for providing medical treatment to poor in these hospitals; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI A. RAJA): (a) to (c) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the Sabha.